

**BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2018
MINUTES**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:00 BY MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS.

ALL STOOD FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE.

PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT READ INTO RECORD BY DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK CAPASSO:

“IN COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4, OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, NOTICE WAS GIVEN TO TWO NEWSPAPERS, AND POSTED, THAT A WORK SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF AUGUST, 2018, WITH THE WORK SESSION TO BEGIN AT THE HOUR OF 7:30 P.M. AND THE REGULAR MEETING TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT THE LAKEHURST COMMUNITY CENTER, 207 CENTER STREET, LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY, AT WHICH TIME, THE BUSINESS OF THE BOROUGH WILL BE CONDUCTED.”

ROLL CALL:

ROBIN BUSCH: PRESENT

JAMES DAVIS: PRESENT

PATRICIA HODGES: PRESENT

MAYOR HARRY ROBBINS: PRESENT

GARY LOWE: PRESENT

ROBERT McCARTHY: PRESENT

STEVEN OGLESBY: PRESENT

WORK SESSION:

REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA:

Deputy Municipal Clerk Capasso reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Time opened: 7:32 p.m.

Dona Sinton, 501 Rose Street, questioned the cancellation of taxes and refund of overpayment Block 23, Lot 4.02.

Municipal Clerk Dugan responded that the resident is a totally disabled veteran and that totally disabled veterans are exempt from paying property tax.

Mrs. Sinton also questioned amending Chapter XXV of the Revised General Ordinance entitled Land Development.

Mayor Robbins responded that the council will elaborate more during the work session.

Mrs. Sinton wanted requested an explanation of the zoning change.

Mayor Robbins stated that the ordinance will allow additional permitted uses in the B-2 Business Zone.

Time closed: 7:37 p.m.

Councilwoman Hodges questioned professional services contract for legal services.

Borough Administrator Childers responded that it is for a code enforcement court issues in the Borough of Lakehurst.

Mrs. Hodges asked if we have a Borough Attorney, should he not be handling this certain property.

Mayor Robbins responded that it is special counsel, the same as a labor attorney.

Mrs. Hodges also questioned the Land Development Ordinance.

Borough Attorney Sean Gertner responded that he, Mayor Robbins and Borough Administrator Childers wanted to create a health care corridor. Mr. Gertner stated he had spoken with the Borough Engineer Dittenhofer who suggested creating an ordinance that clarifies the specifications for the corridor, once it is introduced on first reading, then it will be reviewed by the Land Use Board before adoption.

Mrs. Hodges further questioned why this ordinance is not coming from the Land Use Board.

Mr. Gertner responded the statue is that the ordinance must be introduced on first reading in order for the Land Use Board to review and to make recommendations. Mr. Gertner added depending on those recommendations, the Borough Council can accept or reject them.

Mrs. Hodges stated the ordinance is too broad by saying a need for a facility for Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Behavioral Health issues. Mrs. Hodges stated she believes that this is a big change for the Borough of Lakehurst.

Mr. Gertner responded that the permitted uses in the old ordinance are too broad and out dated and added the new ordinance will better define what is permitted in the Route 70 corridor; therefore, if a developer is interested in building, they will not require a use variance.

Mrs. Hodges added the council has its own structure and, in that structure, there is an ordinance committee. Mrs. Hodges stated she is part of that committee and believes the

RESOLUTIONS:

1. #18-149: Resolution re: Payment of Bills
2. #18-150: Resolution re: Appointing Harold Hester as CSC police officer
3. #18-151: Resolution re: Capital Budget Amendment
4. #18-152: Resolution re: Professional Services contract for legal services
5. #18-153: Resolution re: Cancellation of taxes and refund of overpayment Block 32, Lot 4.02

ORDINANCES APPROVED ON FIRST READING:

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, FIXING AND DETERMING THE AMOUNT OF SALARIES AND WAGES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES AND OFFICIALS IN THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY" (#18-10)

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUME OF \$30,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, FULLY FUNDED BY THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND" (#18-11)

"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LAKEHURST REAPPROPRIATING THE FUNDED APPROPRIATION BALANCES FOR OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS" (#18-12)

Motion by: Patricia Hodges Seconded by: Robin Busch
To approve consent agenda. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilwoman Hodges reported that the Cardboard Boat Race was cancelled due to inclement weather and has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 25. Mrs. Hodges added she is hoping to make this an annual event and urged everyone to come out to enjoy the races along with food, games and music.

Mrs. Hodges added the Youth and Recreation Committee will be hosting their last of the summer movie's series at Lake Horicon on Friday, August 24 at 8:00 p.m. with the screening of Zootopia.

Mrs. Hodges further added the Youth and Recreation will be hosting Family Game Night on Friday, September 21. with food and games for everyone.

Borough Administrator Childers stated that the Borough now has message boards the Youth and Recreation Committee can utilize for advertising their events.

Mrs. Hodges reported the Personnel Committee is currently working on two contracts that expiring at the end of the year. Mrs. Hodges added that the Personnel Committee has reached out to the respective groups to meet and is awaiting a response.

Council President Oglesby stated being the liaison for the OEM, the active shooter drill scheduled for this Saturday has been rescheduled for Saturday, September 22 to begin at 10:00 a.m. with the seventh and eighth graders participating in the drill.

Councilman Lowe reported that the playground equipment has been dropped off at Lake Horicon with no date as of when it will be installed.

Councilman McCarthy reported that there was a Board of Education meeting held on July 24 at 2:30 p.m. Mr. McCarthy also reported that he was not able to attend but did obtain a copy of the agenda with the agenda showing the Board of Education losing \$84,000 in state funding; however, the agenda doesn't identify what it affects.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

Time opened: 7:56 p.m.

Michelle Dimeo, 300 Poplar Street, asked if the Girl Scouts could place a collection container at Borough Hall for soda tabs as with every pound they collect, they receive 50 cents for the Ronald McDonald House.

Mayor Robbins responded yes.

Mrs. Dimeo stated the trees along Manapaqua Street are a nuisance.

Municipal Clerk Dugan responded the property owner is responsible and will make the Code Enforcement Officer aware of the problem.

Bobbi Pratt, 703 Oak Street, stated she would like to help out with the Youth and Recreation Committee. Mrs. Pratt also stated that she created a Facebook page, called Skills for a Lifetime, for the Borough of Lakehurst, to make the residents aware of events that are going on in the Borough. Mrs. Pratt further stated that she has many games for kids and a few volunteers to help assist at Youth and Recreation Events; example play games, teach a hobby.

Mrs. Pratt expressed that with the upcoming cold weather, there could be a need for coats, hats and gloves. Mrs. Pratt stated on the Skills for a Lifetime Facebook page she will set up a donation drive.

Dona Sinton, 501 Rose Street, questioned the appropriate funding sources for message boards.

Mayor Robbins responded that the Borough purchased five message boards at \$2000 each, message boards go for \$17,000 each. Mayor Robbins further stated that the Borough will no longer have to utilize the police department's or the fire company's

message boards. Mayor Robbins went on to say with five message boards, the borough can put the message boards in multiple spots.

Borough Administrator Childers added the message boards were purchased from Earle Asphalt Company who can no longer use these boards because they must now use state regulated message boards.

Mrs. Sinton wanted to know status of the Revitalization Association money.

Mayor Robbins responded money was used to replace the wooden flower pots along Union Avenue with concrete flower pots, benches and swing at Lake Horicon, and purchase the rights to the movies that are being shown at the Summer Movies Series at Lake Horicon.

Mrs. Sinton the wanted to know if the money was depleted.

Mayor Robbins responded no.

Mrs. Sinton questioned if the council had any concerns or talking about Lakehurst Elementary School merging with another school district now that they lost state funding.

Councilman McCarthy responded that the state has recommended this on multiple occasions.

Mrs. Sinton then questioned about Manchester Township merging with Lakehurst Borough.

Mayor Robbins responded that Manchester Township cannot take over Borough of Lakehurst because Borough of Lakehurst is a civil service municipality.

Mrs. Sinton wanted to know if the Land Development Ordinance that was pulled off the agenda had anything to do with the government proposing marijuana use and dispensaries

Mayor Robbins responded no.

Time closed: 8:14 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

Deputy Municipal Clerk Capasso reads resolution to go into closed session:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P. L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, **and**

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lakehurst, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.

The general nature of the subject matters to be discussed is as follows:

PERSONNEL MATTERS
CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion by: Robert McCarthy Seconded by: Gary Lowe
To approve resolution to go into closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

Time into closed session: 8:14 p.m.

Time out of closed session: 8:48 p.m.

Motion by: James Davis Seconded by: Robin Busch
To end closed session. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Robert McCarthy Seconded by: Robin Busch
To adjourn meeting. Roll call vote held. All votes affirmative. Time: 8:48

Maryanne Capasso
Deputy Municipal Clerk